

Indiana State Prison to Award Thirty-Five Prisoner Enterprise Network (PEN) Offenders U.S. Department of Labor Apprenticeship

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On December 14, 2007, Indiana State Prison Superintendent Ed Buss and PEN Products Director Michael Herron will present U.S. Department of Labor Apprenticeship Certificates to 35 PEN Products offender workers at the Indiana State Prison in Michigan City, Indiana.

PEN Products is a division of the Indiana Department of Correction. PEN Products mission is to employ offenders within Indiana's correctional facilities providing meaningful jobs, instilling a work ethic and providing marketable skills.

"PEN Products continues with its innovative efforts to prepare offenders with job skills for a successful re-entry. These offenders will have a greater chance of finding employment after release. Earning the U.S. Department of Labor Apprenticeship shows a commitment to learn and to change, both key elements in succeeding on the outside," says Superintendent Buss.

The thirty-five offenders have completed their On-the-Job Training and required class work while working in the PEN Products Industries plant. The PEN offender workers have earned apprenticeships in eleven different job titles.

"PEN Products is in the business of preparing offenders for their release by instilling a work ethic and providing offenders with marketable skills. We are proud to recognize graduates of the apprenticeship program," states PEN Products Director, Mike Herron.

WHAT: Indiana Department of Correction's PEN Products presents
U.S. Department of Labor Apprenticeship Certificates to 35 Offender Workers.

WHERE: Indiana State Prison
One Park Row
Michigan City, IN 46361

WHEN: December 14, 2007 11:30 a.m.

Arrive by 11:00 p.m. at the front entrance of the facility to clear security.

Jpeg photographs will be provided to the media after the program to the media.

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